



Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Bullhead City eBulletin

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Future Speakers

Sep 11 2008

Scott Merrill
"Dictionary Day"

Sep 18 2008

Nancy Sinagoga
"High School District Superintendent"

Upcoming Events

Club Board Mtg

Sep 3 2008

WeekEND Hunger Program - Art & Sharon Harrington

Sep 6 2008

Dictionary Distribution

Sep 11 2008

Soldier Down Event

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Last week's program

by Art Harrington

MCC Bond Issue explained

"Vote YES on the \$111.5 million Mohave Community College Bond issue on the Nov. 4 ballot," was the emphatic message that

was capably delivered to us at last Thursday's meeting by **Olivia McCormick**. Yes, she is the wife of our longtime member John McCormick, and John can be justly proud of the excellent job she did in presenting the need for the construction of building and facilities to meet the rapid enrollment growth on the college's four campuses.

Locally on our Bullhead City campus 63,000 square feet of building renovation and replacement will be accomplished. Overall the bond issue will add 332,000 square feet of new buildings for the four campuses to help address student growth and facilities needs. Olivia pointed out that some of the temporary structures on the Kingman campus actually date back to WWII days.

For additional information regarding this bond issue, go to their special website: www.MCCBond.com

New member inducted

by Art Harrington



Welcome, Chuck!

Lainie Shimpa, our Club Membership Chair, is setting the example for the rest of us in the club. She is serious about our achieving a 10% growth in our club membership this year.

Lainie had the privilege of pinning **Chuck McMurry** on



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Thursday as our newest member of Bullhead City Rotary. Besides being Lainie's neighbor, and being sponsored as a member by her, Chuck is the nephew of our longtime member Don McMurry, whom we lost a year ago. He has taken over the direction of the business Don established and operated here for many years.

Although Chuck's wife was unable to accompany him to the meeting, due to illness, he was proud to have his two daughters with him to witness his induction into Rotary.

Interact is booming!

by Art Harrington

Kari is charged - and Kelly is proud!



Our Mohave High School Interact Club is getting off to its best start ever this year, under the very capable leadership of **President Ashley Burgess**. (Three guesses who her proud Dad is!)

We announced last week that the Interact Club had **75** at their first meeting of the year. The numbers didn't diminish the 2nd week. They once ***again had 75 in attendance*** - now with **85** signed up as members of the club this year! Congratulations!!

We were delighted to have 6 of these Interactors as our guests on Thursday.

Note to Kelly: Can you *please* get us a picture of your prominent daughter, since she is *much* better looking than this picture of you!?

Coyote Canyon backpack project

by Art Harrington



Backpack packers needed

The WeekEND Hunger backpack program our Rotary club is launching this year at **Coyote Canyon School**, in partnership with the Communities in School organization, and our Rotary Matching Grant partner club, the Valle de Cuernavaca

Rotary Club in Mexico, is getting underway!

Project Chair Laura Grasse explains that, while the backpacks are sent home with the participating kids each weekend, 2 weeks worth of backpacks are filled at a single location (Mt. View School, Room 805) on an every-other-Saturday schedule. The dates ahead are **9/6, 9/20, 10/4, 10/18, 11/1** and **11/15**.

BC Rotary needs to supply 2 people to help fill the backpacks at Mt. View School on each of these Saturdays.

Laura will have a sign-up sheet at Thursday's meeting. Let's fill it up quickly with Rotarians' names.

Remember: Bullhead City Rotary is a Service Club - not a knife & fork club. Let's get busy !

*Corky's & Cathy's guest
by Art Harrington*

Cornells hosting German exchange student



President Sharon is pictured welcoming **Christina Cieslak** to Bullhead City Rotary. She is currently being hosted by Corky & Cathy Cornell.

Christina is an exchange student at Mohave Community College, studying Collision Repair. Yes, you read that right. She is the girl of Jim Carpenter's dreams - preparing here to become a body shop specialist.

Christina is from Freiburg, East Germany. She explains that her town is near Leipzig. She will be here for a year, with her parents and two sisters (4 and 24) back at home in Germany.

Welcome, Christina! Come and visit our club again.

*Dictionary distribution
by Art Harrington*



Sept. 11 is Dictionary Day

Scott Merrill reminds club members that Thursday, Sept. 11, will be a Work Day at Bullhead City Rotary.

We will meet for lunch. But rather than listening to a speaker, after lunch club members will be spreading out in teams in our community to deliver dictionaries to every 3rd grade student.

Mark the date on your calendar: ***September 11 is Dictionary Day.***

District photo contest
by Art Harrington

Take your best shot

- and send it to the district!



Photos tell the story best - especially when it comes to Rotary! This year District 5490 is holding a **Photo Contest** to judge your best pictures of **Rotary in Action**.

So take your best shot, and e-mail it to **Ruth Howe**, our District PR Chair: ruthowe1@cox.net

Your photos will be entered into the **Photo Contest**, and will also be added to the **Monthly Photo Journal** on our district's website.

Foundation contributions
by Art Harrington

EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR

BC Rotary ranks 11th in
district

District is 14th in the world!

That's right! Can you believe it? Our Bullhead City Rotary Club's **\$193.35** per capita giving to The Rotary Foundation this past year made the **Top 12 Clubs** list in our District 5490. We ranked 11th, just behind the Kingman Route 66 Club.

We can also be extremely proud of our District. Out of 530 Rotary districts in the world, **D5490 ranked 14th**

in the world. Check out the lists below.

Top 12 Clubs in the District in Per Capita Giving

1. Phoenix 100	\$ 519.82
2. Lake Havasu City	\$ 425.76
3. Peoria North	\$ 347.93
4. Lake Havasu Sunrise	\$ 327.78
5. White Tanks	\$ 265.97
6. Phoenix - West	\$ 263.00
7. Sedona	\$ 233.77
8. Grand Canyon	\$ 221.88
9. Prescott Valley	\$ 200.00
10. Kingman - Route 66	\$ 196.73
11. Bullhead City	\$ 193.35
12. Glendale - Kachina	\$ 165.48

Making life better for kids

Making a difference through EREY



What kind of difference can your contribution to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Programs Fund make?

A life-saving one, say residents of three villages in the Dominican Republic. Before a Foundation Matching Grant project installed borewells there, waterborne diseases claimed the lives of one out of every five children. " After they drilled the well, the children stopped dying," a woman in one village told visiting Rotarians from District 5950 (Minnesota, USA), which sponsored the project.

Foundation grant projects supported by Rotarians in several countries also help meet pressing needs of children and their families in Niger, the poorest country in the world. The projects are enabling nomadic people to replace their cattle herds, extending microcredit to women, installing water wells, and establishing grain banks.

"A little goes such a long way here," says a visiting Rotarian from Benin. A US\$100 contribution to the Foundation's Annual Programs Fund can provide a cooking stove for a family in Guatemala; \$500, insecticide-treated nets to protect 400 children against malaria in Tanzania; \$1,000, a borewell supplying safe water to 25 families in rural India.

How far will your Foundation contribution go this year?

Our club will be mailing a check for \$2,100 to our Rotary Foundation next week. This represents individual Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) accumulated contributions from our members. We try to mail a check to TRF every 3 months. Want to add to this amount before Alan writes the check? Hand your additional gift to him this Thursday, and he will be happy to add it to the total.